

WARLIKE SIGNS.

WHY M. LOCKROY WANTS A LOT OF EAST CRUISERS.

SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENTS.

They Could Prey Upon Great Britain's Commerce in the Event of War—East Forces of Russian Troops Leave Transcaucasia on Their Way to the Borders of Afghanistan.

Paris, (By Cable.)—The government has not quite settled the details of its naval reconstruction program. But only another month probably is needed before the bill will be submitted to the Chamber.

M. Lockroy, the former minister of marine, intends to submit a counter proposition to the Chamber, demanding that 400,000,000 francs be spent, not on big ironclads, as the government proposes, but on the construction of fast cruisers, which could prey on Great Britain's commerce in the event of war.

It is reported here that at least seven thousand Russian soldiers have left Tiflis, Transcaucasia, for Baku, on the western coast of the Caspian Sea. They will cross at once to Koushika, the frontier station on the borders of Afghanistan. They will soon advance to a point even nearer than Herat, the occupation of which now depends only on events in Afghanistan and on the movements of British troops in India. Russia's preparations for war are all taken in Siberia, and as close to the frontier of British India as possible. Two hundred and fifty thousand men are now assembled.

General Youoff, recently designated for the especially important command of the Russian forces in the Semiretchensk district, has arrived at Koushika. The Russian squadrons at Port Arthur and the Persian Gulf are being increased.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, credited to a diplomatic source, says that on rush orders from Paris the troops in the local French garrisons are being concentrated on the frontier.

Among the diplomats at that capital the opinion prevails that the international situation as regards Germany and France in their relations with Great Britain is more dangerous than appears on the surface, and that exciting differences may yet lead to war.

The French ambassador to the Holy See has notified the Pope of the existence of a Russo-French agreement, initiated by Count Miravieff, Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, when he was in Paris, whereby the exclusive influence of Russia in European Turkey and that of France in Asiatic Turkey are reciprocally recognized. The two governments similarly divide responsibility for the interests of Roman Catholic missions in the two halves of the Ottoman empire.

Mgr. Rampolla, papal secretary of state, has expressed to have expressed his dissatisfaction with the arrangement.

General Wood is expected to pardon about two hundred persons languishing in Spanish prisons.

Burton Grinberg was arrested for buying opium in Austria for export to the United States.

At Frankfort, Ky., J. S. G. Blackburn was declared elected United States senator.

Mrs. Katherine Weir died at Chambersburg, Pa., aged ninety-two.

Charles J. Sweeney fatally shot Mrs. Susan Parker in New York.

Edward Watson killed himself at Towanda, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Cleveland has gone to South Carolina to shoot ducks.

The residence of Joseph Pulitzer, in New York, was burned, and two women servants lost their lives. The property loss was \$300,000.

Dr. G. W. Appleby, a leading physician of Butler county, Iowa, killed a ten-month-old child while temporarily insane.

Fire at Williamsport, Pa., threw out of employment six hundred men in the Leocoming Rubber Works.

Cornelius Shew and James J. Egan were hanged at Monroe, Pa., for murdering Jackson Pepper.

An electric railroad will be built to connect Newport News, Hampton and other nearby places.

William Wasco, a Hungarian, was hanged at Hillsburg for murdering Annie Sestak, his sweetheart.

J. E. Weymouth, a carpenter, fell from a scaffold in Richmond, and broke his neck.

Eight new cases of the bubonic plague were reported at Honolulu up to January 1.

Miss Myra Morilla, an actress, died at Astoria, Florida.

The losses of the Planters and Merchants' tobacco warehouses adjoining establishments in Richmond, Va., from the fire, are estimated at \$400,000.

F. A. Newton, paying teller of the Fidelity Trust and Guaranty Company, of Buffalo, embezzled funds to the amount of \$48,000.

Hubert H. Warner, the patent medicine man, filed a petition in bankruptcy, giving his liabilities as \$2,000,000, assets nothing.

Edward Sinclair, cashier of the Deposit Bank of Russellville, Ky., was seriously shot by Will Elliston, his brother-in-law.

Norman Richardson, five years old, of Portsmouth, Va., died from lockjaw, the result of a Christmas Day accident.

A bill was introduced in the Virginia legislature authorizing the consolidation of the seaboard roads.

Mrs. Catharine Hippard, aged seventy-six years, was burned to death in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Thirteen-year-old William Stott, of Uxontown, Pa., was burned to death in his home.

Philip W. Rose killed his wife in New York, and fatally shot himself.

Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, rector of St. Mary's Church, in Newburg, N. Y., who became famous while rector of St. Stephen's Church, as a supporter of Henry George, for his controversy with Archbishop Corrigan, who brought him in conflict with the Vatican, died at the rectory in Newburg.

Two children of Frank Martsoff, of New Brighton, Pa., died from diphtheria, the father depending upon Christian Science to effect a cure. Health authorities took the family in charge against the parents' protest.

In New Castle, Pa., Peter Yarrado lay in ambush for his rival, slashed him with a razor, and then shot him through the heart.

Richard W. Bornman, of Stapleton, S. I., on learning that his brother had died in the Philippines, committed suicide.

There was a fight between the white and black employes at Barnes' box factory, in Beckley, Va.

Mrs. Wood McGin, of Meeklenburg county, Va., accidentally smothered her baby in bed.

President Harrison has written a letter addressing a national park at Atlanta.

Dr. Franklin W. Flak, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, resigned.

Five Klondikers were found frozen to death, two of them on the summit of White Pass.

S. Elsie Probst was badly scalded at her home in Monterey, Va.

Charles Tracy, confidential bookkeeper for F. B. Bailey & Co., of Chicago, has been missing for nearly a month.

The strike of the girls at the Allen & Ginter Tobacco Works in Richmond, Va., was amicably arranged.

Edward Boyd, of Chicago, has sued John Nelson, a Board of Trade operator, for \$600,000 damages, several times the amount of losses in speculation.

Major Taylor, surgeon in charge at Honolulu, reported six deaths from bubonic plague up to December 15.

Governor Roosevelt pardoned Chiara Cignarelli, who was serving a life sentence for murdering her husband.

DETERMINED TO WIN.

Balfour Expresses Resolve of Britain's Government—Through God and Evil.

London, Eng., (By Cable.)—Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, made his annual address to his Manchester constituents. An immense audience gave him an enthusiastic reception.

Mr. Balfour contrasted the conditions of last year, when the Fashoda incident had been "honorably closed" and the Peace Conference had begun at The Hague, with those of today, when, as he said, England had become involved in the "greatest war of the generation."

The Government, he said, had given the generals an absolutely free hand. The war was "one in defense of our African Empire," and through good and evil fortune Britain would pursue it unwaveringly to the end, so that no such war should ever be waged in Africa again.

Mr. Balfour reviewed the foreign prophecies that the dissolution of the British Empire was about to begin. Referring to conditions before the war started, he said: "It is true that the Government knew the situation contained elements of peril, but it is not true that we regarded the war as anything like inevitable. If it is asked why the Government, knowing that the Transvaal was increasing its armaments, did not protest, the melancholy reason rests in the Jameson raid, which gave the Transvaal a chance to say it was arming not for aggression, but for self-protection. Thus we are criticized for doing too little by those who a year ago attacked us for doing too much."

Mr. Balfour said he believed the events which preceded mobilization last August had done more good in uniting parties and all parts of the Empire than if Great Britain, and the Transvaal, had issued the ultimatum.

"Even the tactical misfortune at Ladysmith or the extent of the Boer invasion of British territory," said Mr. Balfour, "is not such as need by itself frighten even the most timid."

In defending the artillery equipment he said: "Do not believe that your soldiers are sent to the field with a worse gun than France or Germany would use in similar circumstances. The guns supplied to Sir George White were intended for a mobile force, not for the defense of a beleaguered fortress. The course of the war has revealed the necessity for guns less mobile, but of greater range, and these are being put out abundantly."

DAVIS SAYS JANUARY 1, 1901.

Beginning of the Twentieth Century as He Figures.

New York, (Special.)—The Herald published the following dispatch from Washington: "Capt. C. H. Davis, superintendent of the Naval Observatory, has written several persons who have inquired as to the date when the nineteenth century ends and the twentieth century begins. In one communication Capt. Davis states that if the German Emperor assigns a different date from that of January 1, 1901, as the commencement of the new century he has simply stretched his imperial prerogative in defiance of truth. Because an act is the act of government authority it is not necessarily right."

His opinion that the twentieth century commences on the first day of the year 1901, if logically sustained, must rest upon the assumption that the enumerations of the years of the Christian era, unlike any other arithmetical series to which serial numbers are, have been or can be assigned, commences with zero instead of one, and that the first year of the era, and the year one of the era are not interchangeable terms, an assumption which is manifestly untenable, since it must rest on the assumption that some one century since the commencement of the era has contained 99 years instead of 100 years, also untenable."

PRISON HORRORS LAID BARE.

Men in Cuba Have Been Waiting Years for Trial.

Havana, (By Cable.)—The prison investigation being carried on by Judge-Advocate Dudley and Major Bunce reveals a state of affairs even worse than had been expected. General Wood says that summary measures will be necessary to prevent further unnecessary hardships and suffering.

Many cases seem to have been absolutely forgotten. Men have been found who have been waiting for years to be tried. Not a few of these men were even discovered by General Ludlow's commission of 10 months ago. Some of the unfortunates have been in detention several years for offenses so slight that had they been committed in the United States the offenders would have been let off with a small fine or a few days' imprisonment.

The principal opponents of reform, General Wood, the judges and the guards, who do not wish the fee system abolished, would prefer the continuance of the old Spanish methods, under which, it is alleged, they get all the money a man has and then leave him in jail awaiting trial.

Senator Arrostegui, deputy collector of customs, who was recently suspended temporarily in connection with the customs-house frauds, was arrested.

TRANSFERRED HIS AFFECTIONS.

Joe Wheeler's Niece Sues for Breach of Promise.

Chicago, (Special.)—Miss Etta Thomas, a niece of General "Joe" Wheeler, began suit in the Superior court against her fiancé, H. Fahney, a prominent West Side society man, asking \$100,000 damages for alleged breach of promise to marry. It is alleged that Fahney, who is treasurer of a large patent medicine manufactory, and reputed to be wealthy, has been engaged to Miss Thomas for over four years, but that recently he broke off the engagement on the ground that his parents desired him to marry another woman. Miss Thomas' father is said to be the owner of large interests in coal mines.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Captain Leunhauer captured the insurgent stronghold Camanche, on Mount Arayat. Several Americans whom the insurgents held as prisoners were shot and horribly mutilated.

General Otis has officially confirmed the reports of the release of Lieutenant Gillmore and the other American prisoners.

A report was received from Governor General Leary, of the Island of Guam, showing the results of his administration of the island.

Governor General Wilson said that the necessity for a military government in Puerto Rico is rapidly passing away.

Governor General Wood pardoned seven men who had been lying in prison for a long time, without trial.

Three Americans were killed and twenty wounded in a reconnaissance out of Imus. The enemy's loss was heavier.

Lieutenant J. C. Gillmore, of the gunboat Yorktown, who was captured by the Filipinos and was one of the prisoners rescued by the expedition of Colonels Hare and Howe, told a thrilling story of his adventures. He has left him and other members of the party very weak.

Three new fatal cases of the plague were reported in Honolulu and one in Manila. The government is devising plans for strict quarantine in the Philippines.

A number of soldiers who went insane in the Philippines were sent from the Presidio to Washington.

Captain Leary, naval governor of Guam, has decreed the abolition of slavery on the island.

HAD A ROUGH TIME.

THRILLING STORY TOLD BY LIEUTENANT GILLMORE.

WEAK FROM STARVATION.

Gen. Tino Had Ordered That the Party Should be Shot, But the Lieutenant in Charge of the Guard Had a Kinder Heart, and Let Them Behind to Struggle for Themselves in a Savage Country.

Manila, (By Cable.)—Lieutenant J. C. Gillmore, of the United States gunboat Yorktown, who was captured by the insurgents April near Baler, on the east coast of Luzon, and rescued a few days ago by Col. Hare, and rescued seven of his soldiers, the Thirty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, set in the apartment of his sister, Mrs. Price, wife of Major Price, at the Hotel Oriente, in Manila, and told a remarkable story of his eight months in captivity, ending with his dramatic deliverance from a death that seemed inevitable.

The steamer Venus came into the harbor from Iigan, province of South Iloos, with Lieut. Gillmore and nineteen other American prisoners, including seven of his soldiers from the Yorktown. Lieutenant Gillmore, after reporting, came ashore and hobbled along, with the aid of a cane, to the Hotel Oriente, where American officers and ladies were waiting through the halls to the strains of "Aguinaldo's March."

Although tanned and ruddy from exposure to sun and wind, showing the results of long landings, he speaks warmly of Aguinaldo and very bitterly of General Tino, declaring that while in the former's jurisdiction he was treated abominably, but that after he fell into Tino's hands he suffered everything.

Colonel Hare and Lieutenant Colonel Howe, the latter of the Thirty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, rescued Gillmore's party on December 15, near the headwaters of the Abatub river, after they had been abandoned by the Filipinos and were expecting death from the savage tribes around them. When the rescuing forces reached them they were nearly starved, but were building rafts in the hope of getting down the river to the coast.

Lieutenant Gillmore made the following statement: "The Filipinos abandoned us on the night of December 16. We had reached the Abatub river, near its mouth, and the Filipinos rafted us over. We then went down the stream along a rough trail, guarded by a company of Filipinos. That night we were separated from this guard and another company, armed with Mausers, was put in charge of us. I suspected something, and questioned the lieutenant in command. He said: 'I have orders from General Tino to shoot you all, but my conscience forbids. I shall leave you here.'"

"I begged him for two rifles to protect us from savages, adding that I would give him letters to the Americans, who would pay him well and keep him from all harm. He refused this, however, saying that he would not dare to comply. Soon afterward he left with his company."

"We had seen some savages in war paint around us, and we prepared to fight them with our Mausers, but the rifles were not available to us. The next morning we followed the trail of the Filipino soldiers, feeling that it was better to stick to them than to be murdered by savages, but we could not catch up with them. Then I ordered the men to build rafts, in the hope of floating down the river. It was a forlorn hope, but I knew the river must empty into the sea somewhere. I was so weak myself that I did not get into the rafts, but they were available to us. The next morning we followed the trail of the Filipino soldiers, feeling that it was better to stick to them than to be murdered by savages, but we could not catch up with them. Then I ordered the men to build rafts, in the hope of floating down the river. It was a forlorn hope, but I knew the river must empty into the sea somewhere. I was so weak myself that I did not get into the rafts, but they were available to us. 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